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(57) Abstract: By this invention, novel nucleic acid sequences encoding for acyltransferase related proteins are provided, wherein said acyltransferase-like protein is active in the transfer of a fatty acyl group from a fatty acyl donor to a fatty acyl acceptor. Also considered are amino acid and nucleic acid sequences obtainable from AT-like nucleic acid sequences and the use of such sequences to provide transgenic host cells capable of producing modified lipid content and composition.

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